

Claims:

1. A dispensing device which includes an electrically driven actuator device for dispensing a volatile material to an ambient environment comprising:

5 a refill which includes a reservoir containing a volatile liquid and which further includes a closure means; and
 a switch means associated with the dispensing device adapted to engage or interact with the closure means when the dispensing device is appropriately assembled.

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2. A dispensing device according to claim 1 wherein the actuator device is a fan, blower, heating element, piezoelectric nebuliser or other electrically driven device useful in vaporizing or dispersing a volatile liquid.

- 15 3. A dispensing device according to claim 1 which comprises a plurality of closure means and a plurality of switch means.

4. A dispensing device according to any one of claims 1-3 wherein the closure means is an electrically conductive strip or a magnet.

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5. A dispensing device according to any one of claims 1- 3 wherein the switch means incorporates a radio frequency transmitter and receiver circuit.

6. A dispensing device according to any one of claims 1 – 3 wherein the closure means
25 incorporates a metallic coil which resonates and emits a return resonant signal.

7. A process for preventing the use of inappropriate refills in an air treatment device, which includes the step of:

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 providing a dispensing device according to any one of claims 1-6 to an ambient environment.